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SUBJECT: PASSENGER SHIPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN:
SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICAN TOURISTS.

REF: STATE 072849

1. CONSUL GENERAL DISCUSSED ABOVE SUBJECT WITH GUY
FOUGIER, DIRECTEUR DE LA REGLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL
POLICE, EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN AT POSSIBLE TERRORIST
ACTION AGAINST PASSENGER SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN AND
INQUIRING AS TO SECURITY MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY FRENCH
AUTHORITIES.

2. FOUGIER SAID FRENCH HAD NOT TAKEN SECURITY MEASURES

AT SEAPORTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN EFFECT AT AIRPORTS.
HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE DANGER TO SHIPPING
WAS NEARLY AS GREAT AS TO AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW
OF OUR DEMARCHE FOUGIER AGREED TO WARN FRENCH MARITIME
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ADMINISTRATION AND MARITIME PREFETS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF
SCHEDULES OF PORT CALLS AND SCREEING OF PASSENGER LISTS.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH AMCONSULS
NICE AND MARSEILLES WHO IN TURN HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEMS
WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF USG
CONTINUING CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY OF AMCITS.

4. CONSULS ADDED THAT SECURITY MEASURES AT PORTS
APPEAR TO VARY GREATLY WITH THE SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF
VESSELS INVOLVED. WHILE SECURITY IS NON-EXISTENT IN THE
CASES OF SMALL CARGO SHIPS WHICH CARRY SMALL NUMBERS OF
PASSENGERS, TIGHT SECURITY, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE ENFORCED
DURING THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II TO
CANNES DURING A CRUISE IN APRIL/MAY 1974.
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